

District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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Monday  
February 2, 2015  
6:30 PM

Evergreen Park & Recreation Center  
2700 N Woodland, Wichita, KS 67204  
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Park & Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland, Wichita, KS 67204. There were five District Advisory Board members in attendance, nine City staff and two members of the public who signed in

**Members Present**

Denise O'Leary-Siemer  
Gregory Boyajian  
Joel Weihe  
Steve Mason  
Josef Hamilton

**Members Absent**

Scott Dunakey  
Carmen Gard  
Deborah Sanders

**Staff Present**

Officer Vanessa Rusco, WPD Patrol North  
Officer Nathan Schwiethale, WPD Patrol South  
Officer Darrin Williams, WPD Patrol West  
Captain Dan Feil, WFD Station 7  
Firefighter Michael Burke, WFD Station 7  
Firefighter Jared Case, WFD Station 7  
Mark Stanberry, Housing and Community Services Dept.  
Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison  
Oscar Raymundo, Administrative Aide

**Guests**

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**Council Member Miller** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted. **Motion passed (5-0)**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for January 21, 2015 were approved. **Motion passed (5-0)**

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled items: None**

\*\*\*\*\***Action: Received and file**

**2. Off-agenda items: None**

\*\*\*\*\***Action: Received and file**

**Staff Presentation**

**3. Wichita Fire Department Report**

**Captain Dan Feil, WFD Station 7**, gave a brief report on the activities at Station 7. As of this year, there are four fires that are under criminal investigation. In the next few weeks, 18 new fire recruiters will be going to the WFD.

**Council Member Miller?** Does the department know if the fires under criminal investigation are related? **A:** Not at this point.

\*\*\*\*\***Action: Receive and file**

#### **4. Community Police Report**

**Officer Vanessa Rusco, WPD Patrol North**, gave a brief update on the activities in Patrol North. There are eight auto thefts this year reported in Beat 41, the majority being late model Hondas. Metal theft from commercial buildings and junk yards, continue to be an issue in the 21<sup>st</sup> and Broadway area. Beat 48 had an increase of gang graffiti in the third quarter of 2014. WPD is working with Public Works to remove and cover up graffiti as it comes up.

**DAB?** Does the increase of gang graffiti indicate rival gangs moving into the area? **A: Yes**, It is a strong indication there are different gangs.

**Officer Nathan Schwiethale, WPD Patrol South**, gave a brief update on the activities in Patrol South. Crime trends have stayed relatively low in the Old Town area in part due to the cold weather. WPD will have a special assignment to have the mounted unit out in Old Town. The mounted unit will help with managing large crowds after bars and clubs close. The Homeless outreach team (HOT), participated in the city of Wichita homeless point in time count. The results from the count will help gain an understanding of the homeless population in Wichita.

**Officer Darrin Williams, WPD Patrol West**, gave a brief update on the activities in Patrol West As of this year, there has been 38 auto thefts reported, impart to citizens leaving their vehicles unattended in the cold weather. Patrol West has formed a special assignment with the USPS to combat mail theft in the area. Officers of Patrol West teamed up with the local domestic violence shelters to provide 150-180 kids presents and holiday gift cards for the holiday season.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

#### **Board Agenda**

#### **5. Housing Tax Credit                      Mark Stanberry**

Mark Stanberry, Housing and Community Services Department, gave a brief explanation on the proposed Section 42 housing apartment complex. The apartment complex is applying for Housing Tax Credit (HTC) to provide affordable housing at a lower rental rate. The complex will house 48 apartment units, playground area, club house, and a computer center with internet access. The proposed site is located at West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street North and Arkansas Ave. The applicant is requesting a letter of endorsement from the City of Wichita to submit with their section 42 housing application and a waiver to have 10% set aside for standard rental rates, which will equal five apartment units. The City of Wichita is not financing this proposed project. The applicant's agent was present to clarify or answer any questions or concerns.

Members of the DAB and the public had the following questions or concerns:

**DAB?** Are the tax credits issued by the City of Wichita? **A:** The tax credits are issued by the Federal Government

**DAB?** Why the reduction to the 20% set aside? **A:** Based on our evaluation of the market rental rate it would not be financially stable to proceed with the proposed project.

**DAB?** The 20% set aside rental rate, is that a standard with the city? **Council Member Miller:** The 20% allocation is not a national or state standard but a starting point that the City Council has adopted.

**DAB?** Are the units ADA compliant? **A:** The lower level units can be converted to meet ADA compliance if there is a need.

**DAB?** How long will the property offer low income housing. **A:** The term will be for 15years with the option to renew our tax credit application for an additional 15 years.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** (Mason/ O'Leary-Siemer) made a motion to recommend endorsement of the proposed low income housing and to waive the 20% set aside rental units to 10%.

**Motion passed: (5-0)**

**6. Issues of Concern**

There were no issues of concern submitted

**7. Neighborhood Repots**

There were no neighborhood reports given

**Updates from Council Member**

**Announcements**

The next DAB VI meeting will be held on **February 18, 2015**

**Guests**

Randy Johnston  
James McDonald

Respectfully Submitted  
Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison District VI